Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 910-15325-2112-145 | Date: 8/29/10 | Time: 1834 hours

Location: Imperial Highway east of the 710 Freeway | City or Station: South Gate

Bureau/Station/Facility: Century Station | Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒

Type of Force: Directed Significant Force / Personal Weapons

Deputy Injury: YES ☐ NO ☒ | Suspect Injury YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail | ☒ Foot Pursuit ☒ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Person Notified: Lt. Fredericks | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out: YES ☐ NO ☒

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lemus	Victor	

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: Century Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 210W4

Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5'09" | Weight: 170

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: Century Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 212E3

Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM | ☐ Regular Shift ☒ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5'06" | Weight: 1600

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: W | Unit of Assignment: Century Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 210W4

Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5'10" | Weight: 190

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

☐ Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Dean	Brandon	Robert	Sgt	YES ☒ NO ☐	YES ☒ NO ☐
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Enciso	Pedro	

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Clay	Victor	

Lieutenant Victor Clay
Watch Commander (**Print Name**) | Watch Commander's **Signature**: [signature] | Emp #: [redacted] | Date: 9/10/10

Sergeant Brandon Dean
Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) | Emp #: 449297 | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Captain J. Hellmold
Unit Commander (**Print Name**) | Unit Commander's **Signature**: [signature] | Emp #: [redacted] | Date: 9/30/10

2 - CDR

CONTENTS NOTED TODD S. ROGERS [redacted]

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO# 2274849

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION
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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Lawrence	First Name: Kerwin	Middle Name: Lavel
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Street Address	City	State & Zip Code
[X] Male [ ] Female	B	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Work Phone	Home Phone	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Armed?
[redacted]	[redacted]	48	5'07"	02-03-62	145	[ ]

Booking #: 2458912 Primary Charge Code: 496(a) P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 11377(a) H.S. Criminal History [redacted]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [X] NO Name: ____ Unit: ____ Phone #: ____

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital Coroner Case #: ____ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: Doctor Stone Address: 13100 Studebaker Rd, Norwalk 90650 Phone #: 562-868-3751

Under Influence: [ ] YES [X] NO Substance: ____ Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: 08-29-10 Time: 2225 hours Audiotape: [ ] Videotape: [X] Photos of Injuries: [X]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female Race: Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: Home Phone: Age: Height: D.O.B. Weight: Armed? [ ]

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: ____ Unit: ____ Phone #: ____

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: ____ Coroner Case #: ____ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: ____ Address: ____ Phone #: ____

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: ____ Mental Illness: [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: Audiotape: [ ] Videotape: [ ] Photos of Injuries: [ ]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female Race: Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: Home Phone: Age: Height: D.O.B. Weight: Armed? [ ]

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: ____ Unit: ____ Phone #: ____

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: ____ Coroner Case #: ____ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: ____ Address: ____ Phone #: ____

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: ____ Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: Audiotape: [ ] Videotape: [ ] Photos of Injuries: [ ]

[ ] Additional Suspects Involved

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Dean	Brandon	R.

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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☐ Additional Witness

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Lawrence	S1	Lemus	E1	PH	NN	CH
Lemus	E1	Lawrence	S1	PH	AB, BR, FR	FA, IN
[redacted]	E2	Lawrence	S1	RH	NN	
[redacted]	E3	Lawrence	S1	RH	NN	

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Force Applied

DIRECTED / SIGNIFICANT FORCE / PERSONAL WEAPONS

Incident Details

Suspect Lawrence was driving a stolen car and was pursued by Century Station deputies. The suspect collided into another vehicle. Suspect Lawrence fled from the vehicle on foot. Deputies Lemus, [redacted] [redacted] and I, Sergeant Dean went in foot pursuit of the suspect. As the suspect ran, he was holding a black object. Deputy Lemus caught up to the suspect and tackled him. Deputy Lemus and Suspect Lawrence fell to the ground. The suspect landed face down on his stomach with his hands under his body. He continued to hold the black object. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] tried to take hold of the suspect's arms.

As Deputies Lemus, [redacted] and [redacted] tried to handcuff the suspect, the suspect struck Deputy Lemus several times with his elbow. The suspect refused deputies orders to stop fighting and submit to handcuffing. The suspect continued his combative behavior. Fearing the suspect was armed and to overcome his assaultive behavior, I, Sergeant Dean ordered Deputy Lemus to use hand strikes against the suspect. Deputy Lemus punched the suspect two times in the face and several times in the right side rib area. The blows were effective, and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were able to handcuff the suspect. The black object the suspect was carrying was a sunglasses case.

The suspect stood up and was escorted to a radio car without further incident.

Reported Use of Force by Involved Employee(s)

Deputy Lemus completed a written report of his observations and actions, which was consistent with his verbal notification and my observations.

Deputy [redacted] completed a written report of his observations and actions, which was consistent with his verbal notification and my observations.

Deputy [redacted] completed a written report of his observations and actions, which was consistent with his verbal notification and my observations.

Witness Interview(s)

None.

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Suspect Interview(s)

Suspect Interview(s) Conducted By: ☒ **Watch Commander** ☒ **Supervising Sergeant**

I interviewed Suspect Lawrence while he was at Coast Plaza Doctor's Hospital. Suspect Lawrence stated he was involved in a vehicle pursuit with deputies. He stated he collided with an oncoming car while he was traveling 25 to 30 mph. Once the car he was in came to a stop, he exited the car and took off running. He ran 40 to 50 yards, at which time he lay down on the ground. Once on the ground, he was tackled by deputies. He said he was spread eagle, face down on the ground. Suspect Lawrence stated he was punched on the right and left side of his face eight to ten times. He also stated he was kneed in his right rib cage area three to four times. He stated that he did not resist the deputies. He stated he was unsure if the injuries to his face were caused by the traffic collision or by the deputies. He did say that the left side of his face scraped on the cement. Suspect Lawrence further stated that he was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision.

I saw abrasions on both sides of the suspect's face around his cheeks. He complained of pain to his right rib cage area.

Lt. Thatcher re-interviewed Suspect Lawrence at Century Station. Suspect Lawrence stated he fled from the deputies. He said he sustained the injury on the right side of his face because the deputies used their knees and hands on him. He stated he sustained the injury to his right ribs by being kneed by a deputy in that area. He said the injuries to the left side of his face were a result of the traffic collision.

Medical Review

Suspect Lawrence was taken to Coast Plaza Doctor's Hospital for medical treatment. Suspect Lawrence complained of pain to his right rib cage area. He was treated by Doctor Stone under patient #239835. Suspect Lawrence sustained small cuts and bumps to his left and right cheek area. He also sustained a fracture to his 11th right rib. Doctor Stone stated that the cuts and bumps to his face area could have been caused by when his face came in contact with the cement or by being punched. He stated that the fracture to the rib was caused by some type of impact. The impact could have been being punched in that area or by striking the steering wheel during the collision. Doctor Stone gave Suspect Lawrence an okay to be booked.

Training & Tactical Review

☒ **Debriefing held to discuss training and tactical issues.**

I debriefed the incident with Deputies Lemus, [redacted] and [redacted] The directed hand strikes by Deputy Lemus were controlled and allowed assisting deputies to control the suspect.

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Watch Commander Review

I managed this incident from the onset and I responded to the terminus of the pursuit. S/Lawrence was in the rear seat of a nearby radio car. I inspected the exact location of his arrest, which was approximately 100 yards east of the vehicle he was driving.

S/Lawrence sustained abrasions on both of his cheeks (orbital lobes), as well as scrapes on his elbows. He complained of pain on his torso (rib) area. The injuries were consistent with the force reported by the involved deputies and Sergeant Dean.

Based on the circumstances I found that the force used was objectively reasonable and justified. The initial contact (tackle) by the deputies and the subsequent force used, as directed by Sgt. Dean, was minimal, yet effective. Although, strikes to the face are typically not recommended, due to the high potential for injury, the tactic proved to be extremely effective in this case.

The suspect was transported to Coast Plaza Medical Center for treatment. The suspect was treated for the aforementioned facial abrasions and a fractured rib by the attending physician. S/Lawrence was cleared for booking and transported to CRDF.

Based on the above, I recommend no further action. This incident was debriefed extensively following the conclusion of the initial investigation, and at subsequent shift briefings.

Case Status

On August 31, 2010, the facts of this case were presented to the District Attorney's office at the Compton Court house. One count of 666.5 P.C., one count of 2800.2 C.V.C., and one count of 69 P.C. were filed under case #TA114060.